## **Listing of Claims:**

## 1-89. (Canceled)

- 90. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and wherein said population is in solution.
- 91. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising (i) a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently attached to an unlabeled target molecule.
- 92. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 93. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a synthetic nucleic acid molecule, said synthetic nucleic acid molecule comprising (i) a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

- 94. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being a DNA of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective antigenedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer.
- 95. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently attached to an unlabeled target molecule.
- 96. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 97. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.**, wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 98. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
- 99. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim **Error! Reference source not found.**, wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 100. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 101. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.

- 102. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 103. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
- 104. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
- 105. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
- 106. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said molecule and each said anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid and each said molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 107. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is a synthetic nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 108. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each genedigit is a DNA.
- 109. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein said molecule is a nucleic acid which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 110. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein said molecule is a nucleic acid.
- 111. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is a nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.

- 112. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is a nucleic acid molecule which further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 113. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 114. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 115. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 116. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 117. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 118. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 119. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein the molecule is noncovalently attached to a target molecule.
- 120. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein the molecule and the target molecule is each a DNA molecule and wherein said noncovalent attachment is via hybridization.
- 121. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein the target molecule is unlabeled.

- 122. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the target molecule is unlabeled.
- 123. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said genedigit and each said antigenedigit is DNA, and wherein said genedigit and said antigenedigit are attached to one another noncovalently via hybridization.
- 124. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each of at least two of said genedigits comprises a repeated core element.
- 125. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least two of said genedigits have different sequences.
- 126. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein said plurality of said genedigits is at least four genedigits, said at least four genedigits being each attached to a respective anti-genedigit.
- 127. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein said plurality of said genedigits is at least five genedigits, said at least five genedigits being each attached to a respective anti-genedigit.
- 128. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least one label monomer is light-emitting.
- 129. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein said label monomer is fluorescent.

- 130. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each of said unique labels comprises a mixture of two or more different label monomers.
- 131. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., or Error! Reference source not found., wherein the target-specific nucleotide sequence in each unique label is different.
- 132. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least one label monomer is a quantum dot.
- 133. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least one anti-genedigit is a dendrimer.
- 134. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the dendrimer is a fork-like dendrimer.
- 135. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the dendrimer is a comb-like dendrimer.
- 136. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said anti-genedigit is covalently attached to each said at least one label monomer.
- 137. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said at least one label monomer is fluorescent.
- 138. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error! Reference source not found., Error! Reference source not found, and Error!

Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

- 139. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.
- 140. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.
- 141. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein each said target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.
- 142. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., comprising 40 or more unique labels.
- 143. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 100 or more unique labels.
- 144. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 150 or more unique labels.
- 145. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 200 or more unique labels.
- 146. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 500 or more unique labels.
- 147. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, comprising 1,000 or more unique labels.
- 148. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 2,000 or more unique labels.
- 149. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 5,000 or more unique labels.

- 150. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found, comprising 1x10<sup>4</sup> or more unique labels.
- 151. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising thirty or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a molecule, said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein at least two of said genedigits are each attached to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer, and wherein said label monomer is a quantum dot.
- 152. (Previously presented) A diverse population of labels, comprising 100 or more unique labels, wherein each of said unique labels comprises a nucleic acid molecule, said nucleic acid molecule comprising (i) at least four genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, wherein said at least four genedigits are each noncovalently hybridized to a respective anti-genedigit, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer; and (ii) a target-specific nucleotide sequence, said target-specific nucleotide sequence being noncovalently hybridized to an unlabeled target molecule.
- 153. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said anti-genedigit is covalently attached to each said at least one label monomer.
- 154. (Previously presented) The diverse population of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein said at least one label monomer is fluorescent.
- 155. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

  Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said nucleic acid molecule is noncovalently attached via hybridization to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 156. (Previously presented) The diverse population of one of claims Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each said unlabeled target molecule is attached to a chip, microarray or bead.

- 157. (Previously presented) A labeling kit, said kit comprising (i) in a first container, thirty or more unique molecules, each said molecule comprising a plurality of genedigits, each genedigit being of predetermined sequence, and (ii) in one or more other containers, a plurality of respective anti-genedigits, each said anti-genedigit being attached to at least one label monomer.
- 158. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each of at least two of said genedigits comprises a repeated core element.
- 159. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least one label monomer is light-emitting.
- 160. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein said label monomer is fluorescent.
- 161. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein at least one label monomer is a quantum dot.
- 162. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found, wherein at least one anti-genedigit is a dendrimer.
- 163. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the dendrimer is a fork-like dendrimer.
- 164. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein the dendrimer is a comb-like dendrimer.
- 165. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of any one of claims Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein each molecule and each anti-genedigit is a nucleic acid.
- 166. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each molecule and each anti-genedigit is a DNA.

- 167. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each molecule further comprises a target-specific nucleotide sequence.
- 168. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., wherein each molecule is noncovalently attached to an unlabeled bridging nucleic acid.
- 169. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 40 or more unique molecules.
- 170. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 100 or more unique molecules.
- 171. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 150 or more unique molecules.
- 172. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 200 or more unique molecules.
- 173. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 500 or more unique molecules.
- 174. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 1,000 or more unique molecules.
- 175. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 2,000 or more unique molecules.
- 176. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising 5,000 or more unique molecules.
- 177. (Previously presented) The labeling kit of claim Error! Reference source not found., comprising  $1 \times 10^4$  or more unique molecules.
- 178. (Previously presented) The diverse population of any one of claims Error!

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source not found., and Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found., wherein the labels are spread on a two-dimensional surface.